

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) replacement sheets including Fig. 1 to 3, replace the original drawing sheets including Fig. 1 to 3.

The boxes 200, 220, 230, 40, 24, 34, 50, 80, 82, 70, 72, 122, 22 and 90 have now been identified as suggested.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The specification was objected to. The drawings were objected to. Claim 1 was objected to for an informality. Claims 1 to 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749) in view of Richard Geoffrey Warren (UK Patent GB 2 298 985). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749) in view of Richard Geoffrey Warren (UK Patent GB 2 298 985) as applied to claims 1 to 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, and 16, and further in view of Banke (US 4,872,407). Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749) in view of Richard Geoffrey Warren (UK Patent GB 2 298 985) as applied to claims 1 to 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, and 16, and further in view of Chretienat et al. (US 6,167,806). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749) in view of Richard Geoffrey Warren (UK Patent GB 2 298 985) as applied to claims 1 to 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, and 16, and further in view of Hunold et al. (US 6,165,732). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749) in view of Richard Geoffrey Warren (UK Patent GB 2 298 985) as applied to claims 1 to 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, and 16, and further in view of Huston (US 5,816,165).

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended. Claims 13 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The term varying has been changed to providing as per the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objection

The term varying has been changed to --providing-- as per the specification. The platemaking equipment 50 providing the mark is shown. The boxes have been identified as requested. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to for an informality.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite --providing-- for clarification instead of "varying."

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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Claims 1 now recites: "determining a desired preset phase for a motor;

subsequent to the determining step, providing a mark on a first printing form using plate or image making equipment, the plate or image making equipment providing the mark as a function of the determined desired preset phase for a motor driving the first printing form during printing" as per [0022] and [0037] for example.

Neither Takeuchi nor Warren discloses this limitation.

Claim 14 now recites "a controller for determining the first preset motor phase information as a function of the output of the first sensor and determining the desired preset motor phase information and providing the desired preset motor phase information to the plate or image making equipment."

Neither Takeuchi nor Warren discloses this limitation.

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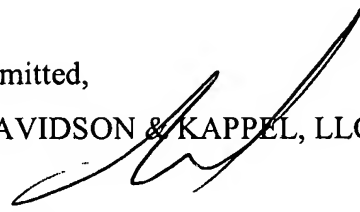
In view of the foregoing withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1 and 14 and their dependent claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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